

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2010

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, N. C., 27216-1358, on March 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ronnie K. Wall presided

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Wall, Councilmembers Butler and Faucette

Councilmembers absent: Huffman and Ross

Harold Owen, City Manager: Present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney: Present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk: Present

INVOCATION: Councilmember Jim Butler

MINUTES

Mayor Wall called for approval of the City Council minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2010.

Upon motion by Councilmember Faucette, seconded by Councilmember Butler, it was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2010.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Butler, seconded by Councilmember Faucette, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1:

A) To set a date of public hearing for April 6, 2010, to receive citizens' comments on the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2010-2015, for the Community Development program and the One-Year Annual Action Plan, proposed activities for fiscal year 2010-11, Community Development Block Grant funds.

B) To temporarily close Maple Avenue between Davis Street and Fisher Street from 10:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on March 28, 2010, for a joint prayer service between Blessed Sacrament Church and First Presbyterian Church and on April 2, 2010, from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross conducted by the Blessed Sacrament Church.

C) To appoint the following to the Burlington Fire Department Relief Fund Board:

Todd Neese - Two-year Term

Jimmy Stephens - One-year Term

D) To authorize banking resolutions with Wachovia, BB&T, MidCarolina, SunTrust, NC Capital Management Trust and Bank of America required to remove the signatory, Linda J. Hollifield, and to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to attest the resolutions.

E) To approve the use of the Municipal Building parking lot for the Leisure and Sports Management Department of Elon University to hold an event called "Move That Bus" on Sunday, April 25, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

F) To approve an agreement between the City of Burlington and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, that reimburses the City for maintaining and operating the Burlington/Graham Computerized Traffic Signal System.

G) Budget Amendment 2010-36 - South Church Street Waterline Replacement

BA2010-36

Increase Revenues:

030-39398-0000	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$194,485
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Increase Expenditures:

030-60000-8000	Contingency	\$ 17,680
030-72702-7500	Water Line Maint. & Repair	176,805

H) Budget Amendment 2010-37 - Appropriate Donations - Recreation Programs

BA2010-37

Increase Revenues:

010-39398-0004	Appr. Fund Bal-Comm. Centers	\$ 50,276
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Increase Expenditures:

010-62624-3310	Thataways Supplies	\$ 103
010-62626-1500	Maint/Rep Bldg/Grounds	1,288
010-62622-3300	Departmental Supplies	11,075
010-62626-6011	Special Programs/Trips	37,810

Upon motion by Councilmember Butler, seconded by Councilmember Faucette, it was resolved unanimously to approve the foregoing consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 2. CHANGE IN LOCATION - THE DRIVER TAXI CAB - 108 SOUTH LEXINGTON AVENUE

Mayor Wall announced that the City Council would consider approval of a change in location for The Driver Taxi Cab place of business from 1602 Maple Avenue to 108 South Lexington Avenue.

Mr. Israel Morales requested that he be allowed to move the location of The Drive Tax Cab place of business from 1602 Maple Avenue to 108 South Lexington Avenue. He stated that the rent would be \$1,300 less and that it was a good location. He explained that he would be sharing the location with his brother who runs an automotive repair shop.

Councilmember Faucette mentioned that there was another business in that same location and that it was important not to have broken down cars sitting on the lot. He asked that the corner remain attractive especially since it was in the downtown area.

Mr. Morales said that since his business had opened all four cabs had operated all the time. He mentioned that he needed the office space on Lexington Avenue to do paperwork.

Police Sgt. Bret Taylor stated that the lot had passed inspection by the Police Department.

Upon motion by Councilmember Butler, seconded by Councilmember Faucette, it was resolved unanimously to approve moving the location of The Driver Tax Cab business to 108 South Lexington Avenue.

BOY SCOUT INTRODUCTION - Mayor Wall recognized Scout Phillip Brown from Troop 30 at Macedonia Lutheran Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Marian Jones-Richmond, 338 Baldwin Road, stated that she had received a letter that day from Planning and Economic Development Director Bob Harkrader stating there would be another opportunity for her to voice her opinion on April 6, 2010. Ms. Jones-Richmond said she had requested curb and gutter and sidewalks on both sides of Baldwin Road using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. She said Mr. Harkrader's letter said that the cost for the east side would be \$590,000 and that the City received only \$439,000. She explained that there was no curb and gutter on the east side of Baldwin Road. Mrs. Jones-Richmond requested an estimate for curb and gutter on the west side only, and Mayor Wall responded that the cost would be approximately \$280,000.

Ms. Jones-Richmond asked if there was other funding available such as stimulus money for low to moderate income neighborhoods. She said her street had a lot of retirees and a retirement center and a nursing home.

Mayor Wall asked City Engineer Lanny Rhew to talk with Ms. Jones-Richmond and to review the petition process.

Councilmember Butler pointed out that staff and Council were continuously looking for money. He told Ms. Jones-Richmond that staff was diligent and would attempt to get every dollar that was available.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Owen said that Councilmembers Huffman and Ross were attending the National League of Cities, Congress of Cities meeting in Washington, D.C. He stated they had met with legislators and that it appeared there would be a second round of stimulus money.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Wall congratulated Finance Director Linda Hollifield on her upcoming retirement and marriage.

Mayor Wall congratulated Public Information Officer John Nixon and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer.

Mayor Wall asked Council to be thinking about neighborhood meeting locations during the summer months.

Mayor Wall said that Attorney Ward would be fine turning the policy for the filling vacant seats on the Council and it would be placed on the April 6, 2010, agenda for approval.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Butler, seconded by Councilmember Faucette, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk